

ASX Announcement

Arafura Awards Lead Engineering Contract for Nolans Definitive Feasibility Study



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Arafura Resources Limited (ASX: ARU) (Arafura, the Company) is pleased to advise that it has appointed internationally renowned engineering consultancy firm Hatch Ltd (Hatch) as Lead Engineering Study Manager for the Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) on Arafura's 100 per cent-owned Nolans Neodymium-Praseodymium (NdPr) Project in the Northern Territory.

Hatch is a globally recognised tier one engineering consultancy that has a wealth of knowledge and technical expertise in mineral processing, hydrometallurgy, detailed design and DFS development for rare earth projects and specialty minerals companies. It has recently completed several similar engagements with clients comparable to Arafura and has direct access to a global network of procurement professionals, potentially allowing it to source lower cost solutions for the Nolans NdPr Project.

Arafura Managing Director Gavin Lockyer said, *"The appointment of Hatch as Lead Engineer for the Nolans DFS is yet another major milestone for the Company. Having recently appointed Stewart Watkins as Project Manager, the Company can now progress the DFS, anticipating completion by the end of this calendar year"*.

"Once that has been achieved, Arafura will be one of the few companies worldwide in a position to make a Final Investment Decision on the development of an NdPr project in what we anticipate to be a rising price environment for our products. We look forward to this outcome and are thrilled to have appointed such a high calibre Lead Engineer to assist us."

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